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## Students turned away ticketless; hoarding blamed

By Ward W. Triplett III and Bill Dunbar

The UNL ticket office expected to be turning down student football ticket requests after 4 p.m. Friday — the student ticket sale deadline.

But students were told as early as 1:30 p.m. Friday that there were no tickets left.

"When we discovered we were running low, we were just appalled," said Helen Ruth Wagner, athletic ticket manager for UNL.

"We thought something was wrong Thursday afternoon," Wagner said. "But this has never happened since I've been here."

Wagner, who has worked at the ticket office for 19 years and has been manager the last five years, said about 18,000 tickets were printed this year, which should have covered all student orders.

Wagner said she has a list of 350 names of students who have lost identification cards.

Some students have gone to the Administration Building claiming they lost their identification card and have been issued a temporary ID, Wagner said. Students are using them to go through the ticket lines two and even three times, she said.

### Little can be done

Ted Pfeifer, director of Registration and Records, said unless he had specific names, his office could do little to track down students who illegally have purchased tickets.

Of the 40 students who approached the ticket windows between 3:15 and 4:00 p.m. some walked away bitter, others took a "that's the way it goes" stand.

"I think it's a rotten deal," said junior Monica McElroy. "They said that a lot of students had duplicate

ID's and bought two tickets, so it's not the ticket office's fault."

"But I do think that somebody in administration should have been watching the ID thing more closely than they were," she added.

McElroy said she wasn't too disappointed because her brother Mike, a reserve center, could possibly get her tickets. Others without relatives playing seemed to be out of luck.

"It's the UNL football team, and I thought they were supposed to hold enough tickets for students first," said Jayne Evans, a freshman. She was critical of the ID cards going unchecked as well.

"I just got a job, and my boss was being super nice by letting me off to go to the football games, and now I can't even get a ticket," Evans said.

Freshman Mark Swanson added, "They allotted tickets to students, and we were told that there would be enough. I think it's a shame that the very people who should get to go aren't going to be able to."

"It's real unfortunate," graduate student Elizabeth Bartle said. "If I really liked football, I guess I could get really made about this."

Terry R. Porter, a freshman who attempted to buy a ticket for his brother, also a student, was disenchanted.

"It's kind of a raw deal," Porter said. "I can understand why they did it."

"It's pretty ingenious how they did it," he said of the students with duplicate ID's.

"I'm just glad I went ahead and got mine in the law student block before now," he added.

"I feel it's a crying shame," said Cynthia Jones, a former cheerleader who was among the first to be asked to sign

a waiting list for any available tickets that may show up after Sept. 11.

### Who has priority?

"I think students should have the first priority. After all, we're the ones going to school here. Instead, they give priority to businesses and whoever else, except us," she said.

The only chance for more student tickets rests with students who reserved tickets in the spring and either cancel their classes or drop out of school and return their ticket to the registration office as required. Wagner said it is impossible to guess how many students will actually turn their tickets in.

University officials have no way of knowing who was honest and who wasn't at the ticket windows, Wagner said.

Wagner called Friday "the worst day in the department's history." Before the student tickets ran out, Wagner's desk had filled with general public ticket requests, which she said she was trying to accommodate.

"I don't know if this is the right thing to say," Wagner said, "but I hope those students who do have two tickets have a friend or knows someone who ends up with none. Then I wonder how they'll feel."

## Wesely planning Morrill Hall bill

By Susan MacDonald

Concern about the deterioration of skeleton specimens in Morrill Hall is prompting Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln to introduce a legislative bill that would be the answer to the museum's dilemma.

Wesely said Friday that he is preparing a bill that will seek a \$1.5 million appropriation to finance installation of an air conditioning system in Morrill Hall.

Museum director James Gunnerson said that until he receives more information on Wesely's bill, he will have no comment.

Temperature and humidity variations in the building are causing bones to crack and are seriously damaging several other museum exhibits, Gunnerson said several weeks ago. An air conditioning system would help control climatic conditions within the hall and slow the deterioration process, he said.

Wesely said he is looking for another senator to co-sponsor the bill. He said he has talked with several senators about it, and has received positive responses, but no commitments. He declined to name the other senators.

Morrill Hall is a "jewel in our crown in this state," and the plight of the museum is a "concern to all Nebraskans," Wesely said.

He said his interest in the museum stems from his work several years ago as an interstate vacation guide. For visitors to the state, Wesely said, Morrill Hall is second only to the capitol in interest.

"It's a world famous collection," he said. "It means a lot to the city."

Wesely said he has discussed the problem with many people, and he is optimistic about the success of the bill.

"The feeling I get is that it's important to the people, the state and the Legislature," he said.

But the priority of the Legislature will be to respond to national budget cuts, Wesely said. He said he is concerned the bill "might not gain the attention it deserves" because of the federal cutbacks.

Wesely also said he thinks Governor Charles Thone will support the bill if it has the backing of the Legislature and the public.

Wesely said the issue must be looked at from a state-wide perspective, and he is sponsoring the bill separately to keep it away from the university's budget. He said he thinks people will distinguish between the operation of the university and that of the state museum.

If the bill doesn't pass this session, Wesely said, he will bring it up in the next legislative session.

"I'll stay with the issue until we take care of it," he said.

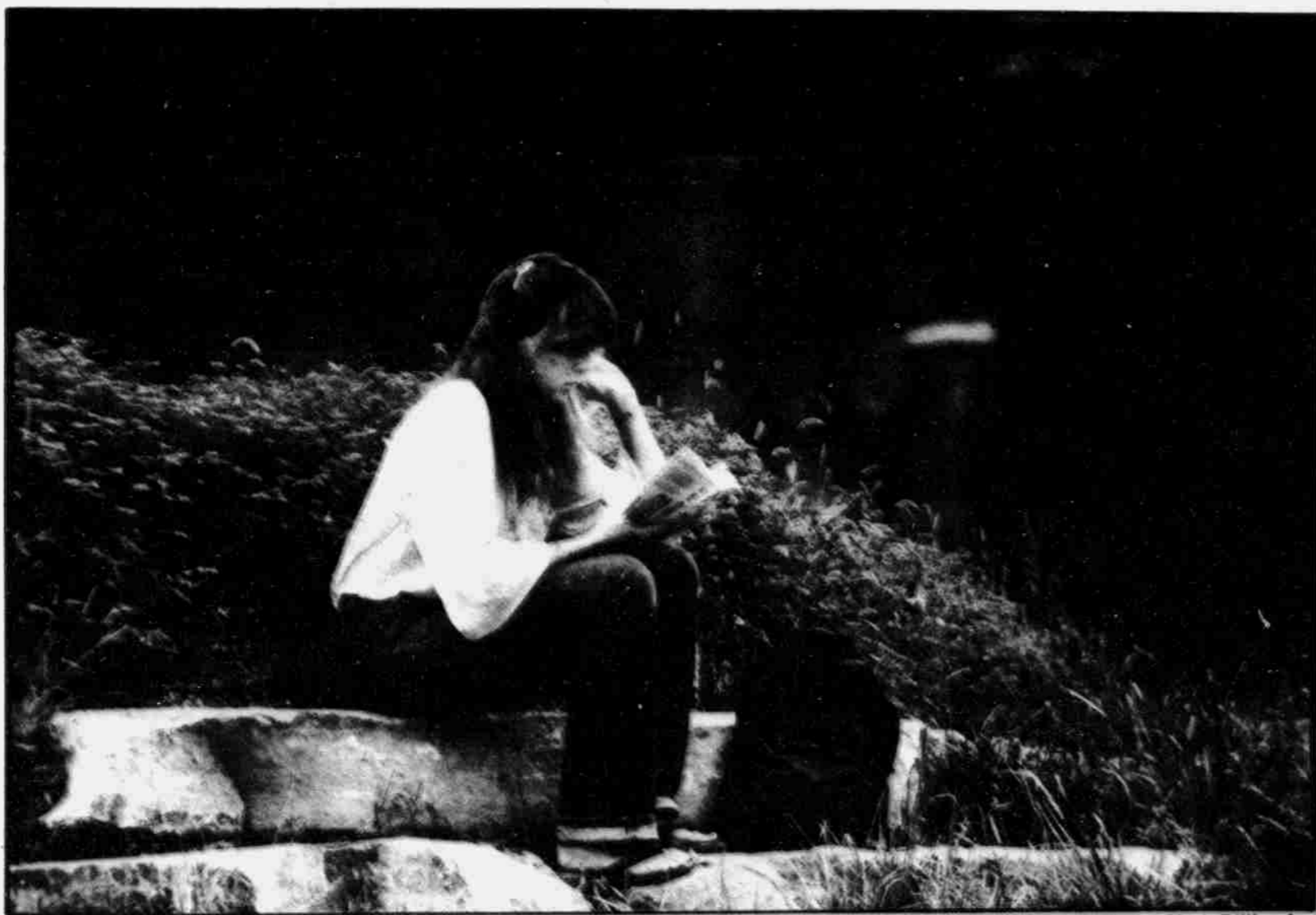


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Away from the first day crowds, Carol Brennan settles on a slab near Love Library to study.

## Faculty input vital to chancellor

By Sara Stopek

UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale said he hopes to begin a tradition of mutual respect and cooperation with the university community and public. And the UNL faculty is important in obtaining this, he said.

Massengale spoke Saturday to about 275 UNL faculty member at an East Union breakfast and report on the state of the university.

Since his appointment June 1 as chancellor, Massengale said he has done his homework, familiarizing himself with the university and staff. He will try to become acquainted with each faculty member, he said, and he urged the faculty to do the same.

"Communications are an important way of functioning in the university," Massengale said. "And faculty input is vital to this."

Another vital area at the university is the budget, he said, and salaries are one of the major budget concerns.

"The 13 percent-plus increase we received in the 1981-82 budget from the Legislature put us in quite a good position to our sister institutions," Massengale said. He said he hopes to continue work on salaries.

"We did pretty well, but never what we think is enough," he said.

Other budget increases Massengale mentioned were \$60,000 for special programs, \$141,000 for computer science and math, \$165,000 for agriculture and natural resources and \$23,000 for forest services.

Massengale said he and the faculty were obligated to use these funds efficiently.

"As a university, we must realize the importance of the teaching and training of students," Massengale said. "But we can't shortchange research and service."

It is important for the faculty to know the budget, he said, and what they're expected to do with it.

For the 1982-83 budget, the NU Board of Regents has agreed to ask for a 15.1 percent increase in state aid, he said.

"But that doesn't mean we'll get it," he said.

In addition to state funds, Massengale said, the faculty has obtained more than \$53 million in grants, and is still receiving more. He congratulated them on their efforts and urged them on.

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